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Not being a computer expert it is my understanding that Microsoft's software enables novices like me to easily access the information they desire via the computer and the Internet by making all the different system work easily together. If the competitor had a better product I sincerely believe that the public would had demanded it through the power of the market place. There are a lot of large companies in the world and they are not able to stifle competition, if anything competition makes one more perceptive to the needs of their customers and bring about innovative ideas. This is the American way of doing business. The companies that are crying foul are not little upstarts but major competitors. If the public chose Microsoft's product over theirs they just have to go back to the drawing board. I am tired of lawyers making a fortune at the expense of J. Q. Public. I think this case should be settled and that the time to do so is NOW.

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